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Sir:

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(AP/P/91/00321) not more than three months (November 2, 1992) prior to the filing of this statement.

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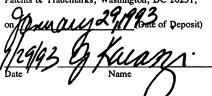
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and 1.97(c), attached hereto are copies of United States Patent Number 3,454,194 to Becker and EP 0404454 to Chawla et al..

These documents contain information which the Examiner should consider during examination of the present application. Also enclosed is a certification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1).

These references were cited to the applicants in a Search Report in a counterpart application (AP/P/91/00321). A copy of the Search Report by the African Regional Industrial Property Organization has been enclosed herewith. Document (i) in the Search Report is the Swiss equivalent of GB 768914 which has already been cited to the Examiner. Documents (ii), (iv) and (vii) have also been previously cited as such to the Examiner. Document (iii) is the published UK equivalent of the present application.

At this time, the applicants would like to make clear the prior art effect of the Bunin reference (US 5,042,472) cited in the previous Information Disclosure Statement (dated 12-28-92). The Bunin reference is only prior art as against claims 10-12 and 14-17. These claims are only entitled to the filing date of the present application and not the effective date 2 March 1990 via the priority claim. The remainder of the claims, 1-9, 13 and 18-21, are all entitled to the priority date of March 2, 1990, the filing date of the UK counterpart application, UK 90 04781.2. Therefore, Bunin is not a reference as against any of these claims.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such

tion, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, but the citation of such document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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